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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIDEO ANDO, ET AL. : EXAMINER:  
SERIAL NO: NEW DIV APPLICATION :  
FILED: HERewith : GROUP ART UNIT:  
FOR: INFORMATION RECORDING :  
MEDIUM, INFORMATION RECORDING  
METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND  
INFORMATION PLAYBACK METHOD  
AND APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.